GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters - Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmignur, Kurnool District, – Allegations of improper monitoring and guiding the Mandal Agriculture Officers under his control, during Kharif 2011 & lack of supervision in implementation of departmental activities within the Season etc. – Disciplinary action initiated under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules,1991- Subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District - Imposition of the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years", under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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G.O.Ms.No.10 **Dated:03.03.2022**

Read the following:

1. Memo. No. Vig.I(2) 122/2012-1, dt.08.09.2017 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
2. Explanation dt.15.03.2018 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture Yemmiganur.
3. Memo. No. Vig.I(2)122/2012-1, dt.08.06.2018 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
4. Memo. No. Vig.I(2)122/2012-1, dt.21.01.2019 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
5. From the Dy. Project Director, DPMU, APDMP(IFAD), Kurnool & Inquiry Authority, ROC.No.01/Eng/2019/ APDMP/Kurnool, Enquiry Report dt.11.11.2019.
6. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.I(2)122/2012, dt.04.12.2019.
7. Govt. Memo. No. AGC01-AGRI/5/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.21.01.2020.
8. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(2)122/2012, dt.24.08.2020.
9. Govt. Memo.AGC01-AGRI/5/2020(1), A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.22.03.2021.
10. Representation dt.01.05.2021 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture Yemmignur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District.
11. Govt. Lr.No. AGC01-AGRI/5/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., Dt. 16.12.2021.
12. From the Joint Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, Lr. No. 590/DC&C/2021, dt. 02.02.2022

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O R D E R:

Certain allegations have been brought to the notice of the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmignur, Kurnool District, with regard to improper monitoring and guiding the Mandal Agriculture Officers under his control, during Kharif 2011 & lack of supervision in implementation of departmental activities within the Season etc.

2. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has got the matter inquired and basing on the preliminary inquiry report he has initiated disciplinary action against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and issued Articles of Charge against him, in the reference 1st read above, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD), duly admitting/denying the Charges.

3. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool District has submitted his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) which is far from convincing. Hence, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed Sri D. Venkateswara Reddy, Deputy Project Director, O/o IFAD, Kurnool, as the Inquiry Authority, in the reference 4th read above, to inquire into the Articles of Charge issued against the above said Charged Officer and already appointed Sri D.Jamanna, Asst. Director of Agriculture (R),Yemmiganur as Presenting Officer, in the reference 3rd read above, to present the case before the Inquiry Authority.

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4. In the reference 5th read above, Sri G.Venkateswara Reddy, Deputy Project Director, DPMU, APDMP (IFAD), Kurnool & Inquiry Authority has submitted his report to the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, stating that the Articles of Charges issued against Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool District are held proved and in the reference 6th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded a copy of the Inquiry Report stating that the Charged Officer has retired from public service on 30.06.2018 and hence requested the Government to take further action in the matter.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Government have requested the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, under rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and in the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded the dated acknowledgement along with representation of the Charged Officer Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool District and stated that he has agreed with the recommendations of the Inquiry Authority.

6. The Government have examined the case, in consultation with the advisory departments and provisionally decided to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of three (3) years" against the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district, under A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980 and accordingly issued him a Notice, in the reference 9th read above, with a direction to show-cause as to why the above said penalty should not be imposed against him for the Articles of Charge issued against him are held proved.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district, has submitted his representation stating that it is not question of properly monitoring and guiding the Mandal Agriculture Officers by the Asst. Director of Agriculture, but it is only action not taken by the Joint Director of Agriculture on Asst. Director of Agriculture's proposal and requested to drop further action in the matter.

8. The Government have not considered the above representation of the Charged Officer Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool District since he has not produced any new material or evidence that has the effect of changing the nature of the case and decided to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years" against him, under A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980.

9. As per Regulation 17 of APPSC Regulations, 1963, the Government have addressed the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission,Vijayawada, in the reference 11th read above, to place the issue of the above punishment proposed against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool District before the Commission and obtain its concurrence and communicate the same to the Government, for further action in the matter.

10. In the reference 12th read above, the Joint Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District and advised accordingly.

11. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby, impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District, under A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for the Articles of Charge issued against him are held proved.

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12. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri S. Raghava Reddy,Asst. Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Dhone, Kurnool District , through the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Kurnool.
The Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool.
The P.S. to Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER